

In the Claims

Claims 1 to 58 (Cancelled)

Claim 59 (Currently Amended) A method for measuring the level of human endothelial lipase (LIPG) having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 6 in a tissue sample obtained from a human patient by conducting an immunoassay for said ~~the~~ LIPG.

Claims 60 to 62 (Cancelled)

Claim 63 to 102 (Cancelled)

Claim 103 (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 59 wherein said tissue is blood.

Claims 104 and 105 (Cancelled)